

LYHO Annual Meeting
May 19, 2025

Those in attendance: Dan, Julie, Cammi, Rob, Vanessa, Shawn and Luke.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report approved. Form 990-N was submitted and approved by IRS for the 501c3. We are still waiting for the bill for ice time.

LISA- Rink improvement presentation by Ryan Durbin with potential blueprints and plans. Rough timeline given with the following: Plans chosen in the next few months with fundraising to follow and possible construction beginning Late 2026. Modifications needed for rink itself including 2 more gates/doors, fence or glass all the way around rink, etc. LISA will be needing volunteers this summer for help with the locker/concession building.

BUSINESS

Volunteer Opportunities/Fundraising: Growth of our program cannot happen without volunteers and fundraising!!

-Fundraising Committee: Great year with donations last year! The committee is still looking for more people willing to help with donations as well as our annual fundraising events: Chokecherry Fest, Fair ticket taking, Calendars, 50/50, etc.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

The fair ticket taking contract has been signed. Planning with schedules to follow.
The Chokecherry Fest booth has been reserved with more planning to follow.

Board Positions: Dan will be stepping down from the LYHO board this year. Shawn Briggs was nominated, voted and approved to fill his position as President. Julie Kirsch was nominated for VP. The board voted and approved Julie as VP. Vanessa (secretary), Kendra (Treasurer) and Cammi (director) will all remain the same from the previous year. Luke Shevela was nominated, voted and approved to join the LYHO board.

2025/2026 Hockey plans and Coach's Update:

Rink Improvements: Overall, this will be a positive addition to the LYHO program, including a longer season with more consistent ice conditions, fewer adverse weather issues, proper dressing areas for players, refs, etc. All these improvements will help us to move towards the ultimate goal of joining the Treasure State League.

FUTURE: The Treasure State League offers kids increased travel and game opportunities, as well as a higher level of competition. Additional benefits include enhanced team building, camaraderie, and chances to develop leadership skills. LYHO joining TSL in the future will also require the following changes: more travel, higher cost, more time commitment and volunteer time, etc.

2025/2026 Plan: Overall goal- More games, more skill building!

Skill Development: Thursday scrimmages did help some with learning game play, positioning, etc. but overall did not help the players to improve in game situations. They need more opportunities to be actively coached in game situations. We are also hoping to have more skill building opportunities outside of practice, including clinics and off-season shooting practice, etc.

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We are aiming for around 20 games per season for the 14u/high school teams. More games will mean more travel, including possibly Spokane and other surrounding areas. To help with low roster numbers, we may pick up other players from around the state. Most high school teams end up having extra players that don't always see game time that may be looking for other opportunities and could help add to our numbers. These age groups will also be introduced to body contact/checking this year. Some points that we will focus on are how to safely deliver/receive a proper check, skating with your head up, etc.

USA Hockey registration: Registration opens in August and we will encourage players to register early and have their USA hockey numbers ready. We are hoping to open our registration right after Labor Day to help with scheduling and getting our teams signed up for tournaments.

Gear: We will be doing the gear swap again this fall. Julie oversees the gear, please reach out to her if you plan on keeping your rental gear this summer for camps.

Logo Contest: There will be a logo contest and all players are invited to vote. Additional details will be sent out on Heja.

Adjourn: Next meeting TBD